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In re Appln. of: William H. Meek et al.

Appln. No.: 10/801,674

Filed: March 15, 2004

For: METHOD SYSTEM AND DATABASE FOR  
PROVIDING A TELECOMMUNICATION  
SERVICE

Attorney Docket No: 8285/672

Examiner: Not yet assigned

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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Information Disclosure Statement (3pp. Filed in Dup.); Form PTO 1449 (1p.)  
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
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☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).  
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$145=			+\$290=	
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☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.  
☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).  
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and

made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
6,327,357	December 2001	Meek et al.
6,148,070	November 2000	Meek et al.
5,903,639	May 1999	Lipchock et al.
5,818,919	October 1998	Berberich, Jr. et al.
5,768,358	June 1998	Venier et al.
5,537,464	July 1996	Lewis et al.
5,524,142	June 1996	Lewis et al.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

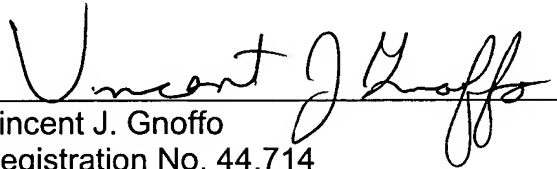
This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/319,428, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,731,736, filed December 13, 2003, issued on May 4, 2004 which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/940,568, filed August 28, 2001, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,516,057, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial

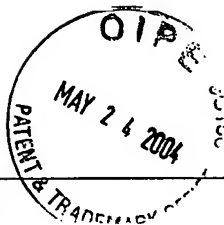
No. 09/544,579, filed April 6, 2000, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,327,357, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/887,027, filed July 2, 1997, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,148,070 and is relied upon for an earlier filing dated under 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) only copies of documents not previously cited and submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior applications are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A1	6,327,357	12/ 2001	Meek et al.		
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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